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POLICE VETERAN DISMISSED

Officer May Have Lied in Police Probe

Lt. Donald S. Hamilton, suspended 10 days ago from the Torrance Police Department in a shakeup of the vice squad and detective bureau, was dismissed Thursday afternoon after the city filed charges of perjury against him.

Acting City Manager Ed Ferraro notified Hamilton of his dismissal before conferring with Dep. Atty. Gen. Jack Goertzen, one of the chief figures in the joint county-state investigation into the local department. Ferraro said the city had filed charges against Hamilton after the officer protested his suspension and demanded that specific charges be stated. Hamilton was accused of perjury in the police probe.

HAMILTON IS accused of lying to the investigators about attempts to quash a burglary charge which was pending on former Sgt. Ralph Walker. An assistant district attorney later said he had been asked not to file the burglary complaint. The assistant district attorney said he refused the request and filed a complaint on the charges.

The perjury accusations against Hamilton were contained in the second installment of a report on the investigation by the attorney general's office in concert with the Los Angeles district attorney's office.

HAMILTON WILL get a hearing before the Civil Service Commission regarding the charges.

The second officer criticized in the report, Lt. Douglas C. Cook, was suspended at the same time as Hamilton, but further action was not taken. Ferraro was scheduled to meet with Goertzen on the Cook matter late Friday.

Chief of Police Percy Bennett, criticized in the report for "lack of leadership and direction" in the department, retires from the force tomorrow. Bennett advanced his retirement date from July 1 following the delivery of the second report to the city.

Trustees Meet

Trustees of the Torrance Unified School District will convene at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow in the board offices for their regular meeting.

EDWARD ARNEY WINS TOP CARRIER HONORS

Edward Arney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Arney of 17515 Falda Ave., has won THE HERALD's top carrier honors for the month of February, according to circulation manager Darrell Westcott.

The youthful businessman enjoys sports and finds football, swimming, baseball, and basketball his favorites. Arney is interested in art and has had some training in the field.

He wants to become a businessman after finishing school. "His performance and service to his customers indicate that he means what he says," said Westcott in naming Arney the top carrier.

Westcott also said the youth is "a real credit to THE HERALD. His satisfied customers are proof of that."

On Signs

Torrance Beautiful Opens War

Members of the Torrance Beautiful Commission have asked the City Council to "strictly enforce and adhere" to ordinances governing the size of signs in Torrance.

In a letter to the Council Mrs. Ethel Kovach, as chairman of the commission, said the commission "is generally concerned with the disorder, confusion, and economic facets of the jungle of signs, billboards, and other eyesores along our roadsides."

The council is slated to consider the letter, which requests councilmen to hold in abeyance all requests for variances from the ordinance to permit oversized signs, at its meeting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday.

MRS. KOVACH, speaking for the commission, asks that the council restore "order out of chaos" by reducing costly sign competition.

"Strong legislation to protect our community from unsightliness is not an attempt to invade the property rights or the right to make a profit," says Mrs. Kovach. "Free enterprise would be simply fulfilling its obligation of responsibility to the common welfare of the community."

The Torrance Beautiful Commission has volunteered to meet with the council, the Planning Commission to work out some solution to the problem. The commission asks for time to make a study of the matter, as well as a ban on oversized signs until the study is completed.

Opposition of Industry Will Kill Cityhood

Proponents of cityhood for the Carson-Dominguez area are presently waiting word from industrial landowners in the area before petitions are circulated.

The current cityhood bid was filed by Mrs. Bernice C. Roller and other citizens in the area after the city of Long Beach filed papers for the annexation of 1,200 acres. The Long Beach petition was withdrawn before the Local Agency Formation Commission hearing after it had been sharply criticized.

Bloodmobile Visits Area Next Week

The Red Cross bloodmobile will be stationed at Kiwanis Clubhouse, 24822 Narbonne Blvd., Lomita, from 2 to 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 25.

Appointments to give blood may be made by calling Red Cross, TE 2-8321.

The bloodmobile's visit is under the sponsorship of the Lomita Rotary, Kiwanis and Harbor City-Lomita Lions Club.

RECRUITING Kiwanians as donors is Dr. Staton Reichel. Getting a big group of Rotarians to roll up their sleeves is the assignment of Marvin Norfolk.

As co-chairmen, Dr. Reichel and Norfolk urge everyone in the community to take advantage of this local collection by signing up now as donors.

All those between 21 and 59 who are in general good health are prospective blood donors. Minors between 18 and 21 years of age may give blood with the written consent of a parent or guardian.

BY SPONSORING a bloodmobile during March, national Red Cross month, the three service clubs hope to not only increase participation in the blood program, but draw attention to this and the other fine services made possible when the public supports Red Cross. (Continued on Page 2)



WHOPPING WAMPUM . . . The Torrance Kiwanis Club has given \$5,600 towards the YMCA building fund. Kiwanis Club officers tried to give Ted Olson, left, chairman of the YMCA special gifts campaign, a little wampum before they gave him their check, but Olson thanked them and said if it was all the same to them he'd take the \$5,600 check. Taking part in the unusual check passing are, left to right, Olson; standing, Paul Shinoda, Kiwanis Club president, and George Kurtz, YMCA chairman of Boys and Girls Work Committee; M. Theodore Meier, sitting, Kiwanian and Y board member. (Herald Photo)

Kiwanis Club Buys Room In New YMCA Facilities

The Torrance Kiwanis Club this week purchased one of the club rooms in the new YMCA facility at 2800 W. Sepulveda Blvd. Paul Shinoda, past president of the Kiwanis Club, turned over the check for \$5,600 to H. Ted Olson, YMCA special gifts chairman.

George Kurtz, chairman of the boys and girls work committee of the Kiwanis Club, said the group wanted to take a position of leadership in the drive to build the new and much-needed facility. "We feel this is a perfect way to serve thousands of boys and girls," said Kurtz.

Olson said a bronze plaque

will be placed in the club room designating the room in the name of the Torrance Kiwanis Club. "This will serve as a constant reminder of Kiwanis concern for the problems and needs of youth," Olson told the Kiwanians.

The Kiwanis gift is the first one received by the local "Y" to provide for a specific portion of the new 11,000 square foot building.

Olson said 20 additional rooms are available to families, firms, and individuals. Cost of the rooms ranges from \$2,400 to \$48,000, said Olson.

Present YMCA facilities are located at 2080 Washington St., and consist of a converted Navy mess hall. The facility is totally inadequate, said Ted Heier, a member of the Kiwanis and the "Y" board. Estimated cost of the new facility is \$570,000.

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Timekeeper Sentenced To 10 Years

Earl D. Osborne, 40, of San Pedro, was sentenced to up to 10 years in state prison Thursday for collecting wages from a Torrance steel works for employees who didn't exist.

Osborne, former timekeeper for the R. C. Mahon Co. of 2600 Monterey Ave., collected some \$3,200 in wages from the firm for two employees who didn't exist.

He was sentenced in Inglewood Superior Court by Judge Charles C. Stratton. Investigators said Osborne collected wages for seven months for two employees listed as "E. Dornblaser" and "M. Holiday." He was able to keep the checks and cash them since he distributed paychecks to departmental supervisors.

In one case, police reported, Osborne took the physical for one of his employees in order to cinch the job.

Young Will Speak In UCLA Series

Whitney J. Young, executive director of the National Urban League will speak on "Class, Race and Social Disorganization" at the March 21 meeting of the series "The Negro in American Society." The University of California Extension series will continue through April in the cafeteria of South High School. Admission is \$2.



PRESS DAY WINNERS . . . Torrance winners of the writing contests in the 11th annual El Camino College Press Day are shown admiring the top trophy for sports writing, being displayed here by winner Bill Cunerty of North High. Looking on are Susan Klier of North High, honorable mention in editorial writing; Cathy Roe, of North High, second place in news writing, and Glenn Fischer, of South High, honorable mention in sports writing. (Herald Photo by Frank Sweeney)

A Penny for your Thoughts

"What can be done to change the image of politics as a 'dirty business'?"

Mrs. Barbara Finkelstein, 206 Paseo de Suenos:

"Politics are necessary in our form of government. It needn't and shouldn't have a dirty name. Different methods of financing campaigns and adequate compensation would enable elected officials to act independently."

Mrs. Stanley Lieber, 401 Avenida de Jose:

"One reason for this false image is the feeling that contributors to campaigns wield pressure or influence. Perhaps if campaign funds were distributed by government, with contributions tax deductible, this feeling could be lessened."

Mrs. F. D. Henry, 18413 Florwood Ave.:

"The function of politics is basic to our form of government. The news media should be aware of its responsibility in promoting an understanding of this function as opposed to what people make of it. Politics should be an appealing career field for anyone interested in government."

Mrs. O. W. Christianson, 20124 Wayne Ave.:

"I believe this image can and must be improved if we are to attract good men to government. To do this, I think we need a better informed electorate, adequate salaries for elective officials, a ceiling on campaign expenditures, and more responsible reporting."

Mrs. J. W. Craig, 3821 W. 184th Place:

"This is not always true. Better education in political science fields for those interested in politics might help remove this image. The funds for campaigns should come from the general public."

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